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1. A Soviet communications unit which came to Austria from Germany in April 1952 occupies three buildings in Ebreichsdorf (P 48/ X 46): Schloss Ebreichsdorf, the old folks' home, and a third building across the street and somewhat south of the latter. The castle, which is surrounded by the original stone wall, is a restricted area. It is a rectangular structure of some 80 rooms around a courtyard. It probably houses radio and monitoring equipment. The old folks' home serves as quarters for personnel assigned to the unit and as office space. The third building is a senior officers' billet.
2. Col Gamratov (fnu), commanding officer at the time the communications unit came to Austria, left Austria in summer of 1953 and was replaced by Col. Petr Aleksandrovich Vorobev. Lt. Col. Aleksandr Arsenyevich Smirnov served as acting commander immediately prior to Vorobev's arrival and is his technical advisor. Strength of the unit is approximately 200 officers and men, including about 10 interpreters, some of whom are female. The commanding officer of the unit reports to General Major Kochetkov, chief of intelligence for CGF. It is not known whether the unit is operationally subordinate to Kochetkov or merely services some of Kochetkov's requirements in its capacity as monitoring unit.
3. A shed with an antenna system is located in the immediate vicinity of Schloss Ebreichsdorf. For a sketch of the antenna system see Annex.

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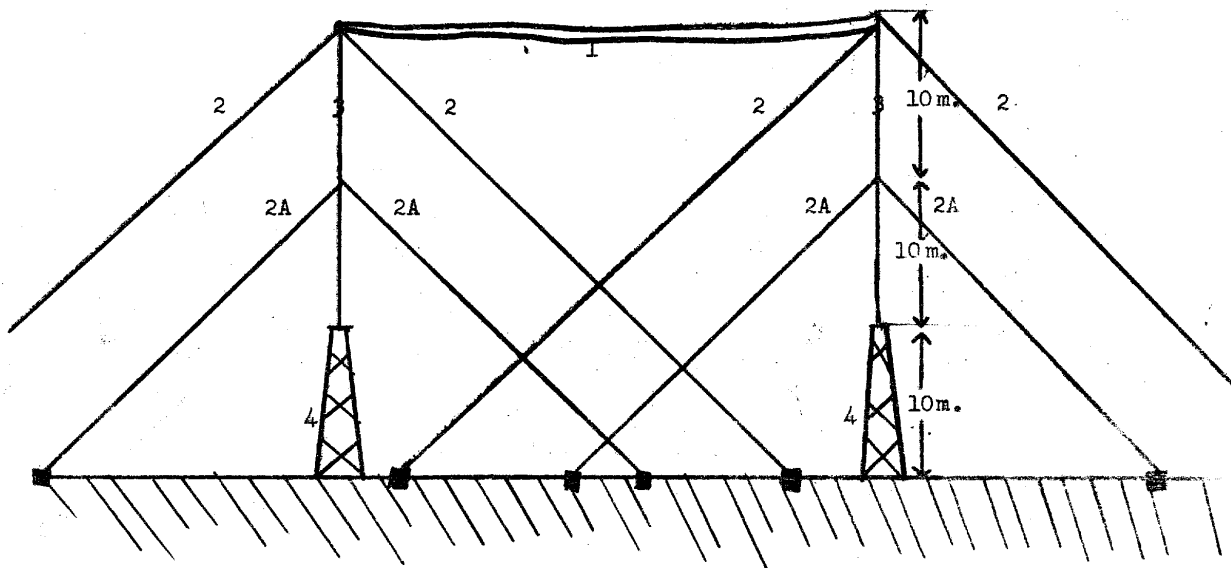
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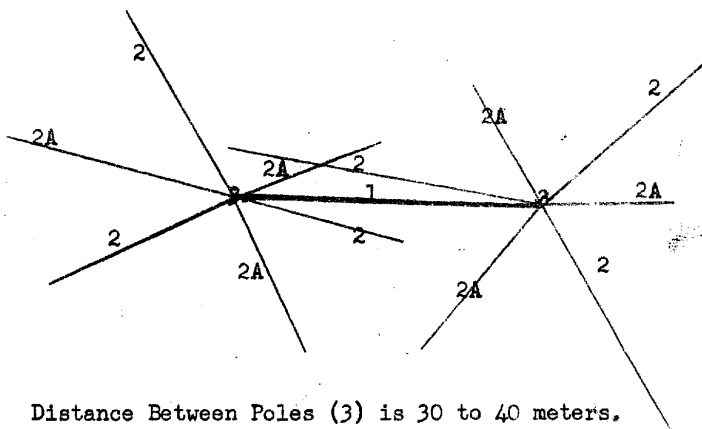
I. DIAGRAM OF ANTENNA SYSTEMLegend

- (1) Antennae (believed two strands of wire)
- (2) Support wires (upper), (2A) Support wires (lower)
- (3) Poles
- (4) Base towers

Notes: Last observed December 1953. Since observed at distance of 150 to 200 meters, Source could not observe insulators or distinguish lead wires.

II. TOP VIEW OF ANTENNAE WITH SUPPORT WIRESLegend

Same as for I.



Distance Between Poles (3) is 30 to 40 meters.

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